

WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

At the Annual Meeting of the Council held in the Guildhall, Winchester on 14 May 2008

Attendance:

Councillor Read (The Mayor in the Chair) (P)

Councillors:

Achwal (P)	Izard (P)
Allgood (P)	Jackson (P)
Anthony (P)	Jeffs (P)
Barratt (P)	Johnston (P)
Baxter (P)	Learney (P)
Beckett (P)	Lipscomb (P)
Bell (P)	Love (P)
Berry (P)	Mason (P)
Biggs (P)	Mather (P)
Busher (P)	Maynard (P)
Chamberlain (P)	Mitchell (P)
Clear (P)	Nelmes (P)
Coates (P)	Pearce (P)
Collin (P)	Pearson (P)
Cook (P)	Pines (P)
Cooper (P)	Ruffell (P)
Evans (P)	Sanders (P)
Fall (P)	Spender (P)
Gemmell (P)	Stallard (P)
Godfrey (P)	Stephens (P)
Hammerton (P)	Tait (P)
Hicks (P)	Thompson (P)
Higgins (P)	Verney (P)
Hiscock (P)	Wagner
Hollingbery (P)	Weston (P)
Howell (P)	Wood (P)
Humby (P)	Worrall (P)
Huxstep (P)	Wright (P)

1. **COMMANDER BRIAN HALL MBE RN (RTD.)**

The Mayor reported with regret the recent death of Brian Hall, who served as a member for Wickham Ward from 1979 – 1995. He was also Mayor in 1988/89 and Chairman of the former Health and Works Committee for five years.

The Council stood in silent tribute to his memory.

2. **ELECTION OF MAYOR**

Proposed by Councillor Jeffs.

Seconded by Councillor Pearson and resolved unanimously that Councillor Michael Read be elected Mayor of the City of Winchester for the period commencing on 14 May 2008.

Councillor Pines vacated the Chair, which was taken by the Mayor who made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3. **VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR**

Proposed by Councillor Beckett.

Seconded by Councillor Evans and resolved unanimously that the best thanks of the Council be accorded to Councillor Chris Pines for his service to the Council as Mayor during the past year.

4. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

Proposed by Councillor Learney.

Seconded by Councillor Collin and resolved unanimously that Councillor Dominic Hiscock be elected Deputy Mayor of the City of Winchester for the period commencing on 14 May 2008.

5. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF CABINET**

Councillor Beckett was elected Chairman of Cabinet and Leader of the Council for the ensuing Municipal Year.

6. **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF CABINET**

Councillor Cooper was elected Vice-Chairman of Cabinet for the ensuing Municipal Year.

7. **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

The following Members were elected Chairman of the Committees stated for the ensuing Municipal Year:-

Licensing and Regulation – Councillor Mather
 Planning Development Control – Councillor Jeffs
 Principal Scrutiny – Councillor Chamberlain
 Personnel – Councillor Worrall
 Standards Committee – Mr P Smith (Independent Member)
 Appeal and Disputes – Councillor Baxter
 Housing Appeals – Councillor Berry
 Statement of Accounts – Councillor Beckett
 Environment Scrutiny Panel – Councillor Lipscomb
 Social Issues Scrutiny Panel – Councillor Tait
 Local Economy Scrutiny Panel – Councillor Anthony
 Resources Scrutiny Panel – Councillor Wright

8. **APPOINTMENT OF CABINET AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS**

With the exception of Cabinet and Standards Committee, the Council reviewed the political representation on Committees in accordance with the provisions of Section 15(1) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

In respect of Cabinet and Standards Committee, the Local Government Act 2000 stated that the achievement of political balance was not required.

The Council determined the representation on all the bodies as set out below.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Corporate Director (Governance) be authorised to make any minor consequential amendments to the Constitution to give effect to the decisions made.

2. That the allocation of seats to political groups be as follows:

Cabinet (8)

Conservatives (8)

Licensing and Regulation (15)

Conservatives (8): Liberal Democrats (6): Independent (1)

Planning Development Control (11)

Conservatives (6): Liberal Democrats (4): Independent (1)

Principal Scrutiny (13)

Conservatives (7): Liberal Democrats (5): Independent (1)

Personnel (11)

Conservatives (6): Liberal Democrats (5): Independent (0)

Standards (7)

Conservatives (3): Liberal Democrats (3): Independent (1)

Appeals and Disputes (9)

Conservatives (5): Liberal Democrats (3): Independent (1)

Housing Appeals (3)

Conservatives (1): Liberal Democrats (1): Independent (1)

Statement of Accounts (9)

Conservatives (5): Liberal Democrats (4): Independent (0)

Environment Scrutiny Panel (12)

Conservatives (6): Liberal Democrats (5): Independent (1)

Social Issues Scrutiny Panel (12)

Conservatives (6): Liberal Democrats (5): Independent (1)

Local Economy Scrutiny Panel (11)

Conservatives (6): Liberal Democrats (5): Independent (0)

Resources Scrutiny Panel (11)

Conservatives (6): Liberal Democrats (5): Independent (0)

Further to the above, and pursuant to Section 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Chief Executive served notice on each of the Leaders of the three political groups on the Council as to the allocation of seats on Committees as indicated above.

The Chief Executive announced that he had been informed that each group had nominated Members to be appointed under alternative arrangements, although based upon the political balance formula, as set out below.

RESOLVED:

That the following appointments be made (in addition to the Chairmen who were appointed earlier in the meeting):

Cabinet

Allgood, Coates, Cooper, Godfrey, Pearson, Stallard and Wood

Licensing and Regulation

Baxter, Berry, Biggs, Evans, Hammerton, Hiscock, Howell, Izard, Jackson, Johnston, Mason, Read, Weston and Wright

Deputies

Busher, Lipscomb and Love

Planning Development Control

Barratt, Baxter, Busher, Fall, Huxstep, Johnston, Lipscomb, Pearce, Ruffell, and Tait

Deputies

Berry, Evans, Hammerton, Read, Thompson and Weston

Personnel

Achwal, Biggs, Collin, Cook, Howell, Learney, Nelmes, Tait, Verney and Weston

Deputies

Gemmell and Love

Principal Scrutiny

Anthony, Baxter, Collin, Cook, Huxstep, Learney, Lipscomb, Maynard, Spender, Tait, Worrall and Wright

Deputies

Busher, Mather and Thompson

Standards

Barratt, Baxter, Berry, Chamberlain, Hiscock, Lipscomb and Nelmes

Statement of Accounts

Allgood, Collin, Godfrey, Higgins, Jeffs, Learney, Mitchell and Verney

Deputies

Baxter and Evans

Social Issues Scrutiny Panel

Achwal, Berry, Biggs, Clear, Fall, Gemmell, Hammerton, Hicks, Love, Ruffell and Weston

Deputies

Busher, Higgins and Stephens

Environment Scrutiny Panel

Bell, Busher, Clear, Gemmell, Howell, Jackson, Mather, Maynard, Stephens, Thompson and Wright

Deputies

Chamberlain, Higgins and Ruffell

Local Economy Scrutiny Panel

Bell, Cook, Humby, Huxstep, Love, Pearce, Sanders, Spender, Stephens and Verney

Deputies

Evans and Tait

Resources Scrutiny Panel

Anthony, Higgins, Huxstep, Izard, Jeffs, Learney, Mitchell, Sanders, Verney and Wagner

Deputies

Humby and Love

RESOLVED:

That the Winchester Town Forum be established for 2008/09 with membership consisting of all Members who represent the six Winchester Town Wards.

RESOLVED:

1. That alternative arrangements other than proportional representation be agreed in respect of the Appeals and Disputes Committee insofar as is necessary to enable the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 17(9)(b) still to apply to its hearings.

2. That eight additional Members of the Committee be appointed as follows:

Councillors Berry, Chamberlain, Humby, Huxstep, Izard, Love, Mather and Pearce

RESOLVED:

1. That alternative arrangements other than proportional representation be agreed in respect of the Housing (Appeals) Committee.

2. That the following appointments be made to the Housing (Appeals) Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Councillors Fall and Hammerton

Deputies

Councillors Chamberlain, Lipscomb and Love

The meeting commenced at 7pm and concluded at 8.20pm.

The Mayor